



## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

**SUBJECT:** Ecology and Environmental Awareness Committee

**DATE:** November 1, 2007

**LOCATION:** City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Main Conf. Room

**FROM:** Paul Wojciechowski, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

**ATTENDEES:** Cynthia Garnholz, Diane Meyer, Patti Griesbaum, Punit Jain , Fran Lang, Martha Kohn, Anne Bishop, Sonya Gierada (Clayton HS Student), Chiara Corbette (CHS Student), Janet Eiserle, Patty DeForrest, Paul Wojciechowski

**ABSENT:** M. Lee Gerdelman, Antonella Rastelli

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Paul called the meeting to order @ 6:00 pm.

Minutes from September 27, 2007, were reviewed and approved.

### **Questionnaire for Businesses and Restaurant Recycling**

A discussion of what type of volume measurements should be provided on the questionnaire was discussed. Either cubic yards or containers would be a good measurement. The other comment was to remove the “?” from question 2.

### **Earth Day Activities**

Patty DeForrest and Janet Eiserle were present from the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss Earth Day 2008 in the City. April 26, 2007, is the parks event for Earth Day in Clayton. Patty stated that they would like to change the focus from “Clean-up the Park Day” and replace it with a more family oriented event that would involve different activities in Shaw Park. All present agreed that this would be a great idea and committee members would like to participate. Since parents get very involved with their children, the main idea is to focus on activities for children with adults being present to pick up the ideas. Patty and Janet provided a list of possible activities and groups that could be involved.

Ideas for this event will be discussed further at the next meeting. Sonya Gierada and Chiara Corbette stated that their Green Club at Clayton High School would be willing to take on a couple of activities at the event.

### **Bush Honeysuckle**

The Child Center on Gay is holding a event this weekend to eradicate Honeysuckle on their nature trail just south of the Center. Lori Geismeyer-Ryan is the contact for the event.

## **Action Items and Ideas**

As a follow up to ideas provided by the committee regarding environmental initiatives, Paul provided a memorandum discussing the status of activities and the ideas presented. The following two items were discussed in further detail:

- **Hybrid Vehicle Preferred Parking**

Paul indicated that the direction from the Committee at a previous meeting to add preferred hybrid vehicle parking on the street would not work with the parking control staff. There are logistical issues with this idea in the implementation. Paul did indicate that on City owned lots, these types of spaces could be signed and provided. The Center of Clayton would be a great place in addition to Clayton High School and City Hall. In addition, an idea for the school to implement "Car Pool" preferred parking would be an idea worth investigating. Public Works could prepare the signs for the preferred spaces. Patty stated that the CRSWC would need to approve any parking incentive.

- **City Views Articles**

An idea came up regarding having a "Green Space" in the City Views Publication. This would involve committee members writing a short article on environmental ideas or activities. Paul stated that committee members would need to develop articles in advance so he can get them to Judy Kekich for inclusion in the publication. All agreed they would help out.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 27, 2007 from 6 PM to 7 PM at Clayton City Hall, unless the 5:00 pm meeting time works better for everyone. Agenda items should be sent to Paul in advance.

cc: Michael Schoedel, City Manager  
Lenore Toser-Aldaz, Deputy City Manager  
June Waters, City Clerk